Athletics

1954

ROSTER

Presenting A's New Manager

EDDIE JOOST

AMERICAN BASE BALL CLUB
of Philadelphia

Connie Mack Stadium
21st Street and Lehigh Avenue
Philadelphia 32, Pa.

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WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.

ITINERARY

Thurs.	Feb.	18	Pitchers and catchers leave Philadelphia.
Sat.	Feb.	20	Pitchers and catchers work out.
Fri.	Feb.	26	Infielders and outfielders start work outs.
Wed.	March	31	Break Camp.

NORTHBOUND ITINERARY

(Eastern Standard Time, except where otherwise shown.)

Mar. 31	Lv. West Palm Beach	Seaboard RR Sta.		11:00 PM
Apr. 1	Ar. Jacksonville	Union Sta.		7:30 AM
Apr. 1	Lv. Jacksonville	SAL RR		5:00 PM
Apr. 2	Ar. New Orleans	" "	CT	7:10 AM
	(occupy sleepers until 8:00 AM)			
Apr. 2	Lv. New Orleans	Bus for Baton Rouge		
Apr. 2	Lv. Baton Rouge	Bus for New Orleans		
Apr. 4	Lv. New Orleans	L&N RR	CT	9:00 PM
Apr. 5	Ar. Mobile	" "	CT	12:40 AM
	(occupy sleepers until 8:00 AM)			
Apr. 5	Lv. Mobile	L&N RR	CT	8:45 PM
Apr. 6	Ar. Montgomery	" "	CT	1:45 AM
	(occupy sleepers until 8:00 AM)			
Apr. 6	Lv. Montgomery	A&WP RR	CT	5:45 PM
Apr. 6	Ar. Atlanta	" "		11:25 PM
Apr. 6	Lv. Atlanta	Sou. Ry.		10:45 PM
				(Train to be held)
Apr. 7	Ar. Brunswick	Sou. Ry.		8:10 AM
	(Vacate sleepers on arrival)			
Apr. 7	Lv. Brunswick	Sou. Ry.		9:35 PM
Apr. 8	Ar. Savannah	Sou. Ry.		12:30 AM
	(occupy sleepers until 8:00 AM)			
Apr. 8	Sleepers open for occupancy 10:00 PM			
Apr. 9	Lv. Savannah	Sou. Ry.		12:40 AM
Apr. 9	Ar. Charlotte	"		7:55 AM
	(occupy sleepers until 8:00 AM)			
Apr. 9	Lv. Charlotte	Sou. Ry.		8:40 PM
Apr. 10	Ar. Washington	"		6:40 AM
Apr. 10	Lv. Washington	PRR		7:55 AM
Apr. 10	Ar. North Phila. Sta.	"		10:06 AM

SPRING TRAINING HOTELS

West Palm Beach, Fla. ..... George Washington Hotel
Orlando, Fla. ..... The Angebilt
Tampa, Fla. ..... The Tampa Terrace
Jacksonville, Fla. ..... George Washington Hotel
New Orleans, La. ..... The Roosevelt
Baton Rouge, La. ..... The Heidelberg
Mobile, Ala. ..... The Battle House
Montgomery, Ala. ..... Jefferson-Davis
Brunswick, Ga. ..... Oglethorpe Hotel
Savannah, Ga. ..... Savannah Hotel
Charlotte, N.C. ..... Hotel Charlotte

1954 ATHLETICS ROSTER

PITCHERS	No.	HOMETOWN	BIRTHDAY	HGT.	WGT.	B	T	'53 CLUB	G	CG	IP	W	L	PCT.	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
Bishop, Charles	38	Atlanta, Ga.	1/ 1/24	6'2"	195	R	R	Athletics	39	1	161	3	14	.176	174	106	101	66	86	5.65
Burtschy, Ed.	33	St. Bernard, Ohio	4/18/23	6'3"	208	R	R	Ottawa	50	2	118	12	7	.632	98	58	37	62	59	2.82
Cain, Robert	36	Cleveland, Ohio	10/16/24	6'	165	L	L	St. Louis	32	1	100	4	10	.286	129	74	69	36	45	6.21
Ditmar, Art.	20	Springfield, Mass.	4/ 3/29	6'2"	180	R	R	Savannah	10	5	74	7	0	.1000	53	21	20	51	41	2.43
Fricano, Marion	37	No. Collins, N. Y.	7/15/23	6'	175	R	R	Athletics	39	10	211	9	12	.429	206	105	91	67	90	3.88
Gray, John	39	Lake Worth, Fla.	12/11/27	6'2"	200	R	R	Kansas City	31	6	156	9	7	.563	146	74	72	109	108	4.15
Kellner, Alex	22	Tucson, Arizona	8/26/24	6'	205	R	L	Athletics	25	14	202	11	12	.478	210	98	88	81	51	3.92
Kellner, Walter	21	Tucson, Arizona	4/26/29	6'	205	R	R	Wiliamsport	38	7	166	7	14	.333	171	100	—	76	82	——
Martin, Morris	26	Washington, Mo.	9 /3/22	6'	175	R	L	Athletics	58	2	156	10	12	.455	158	85	77	64	59	4.44
Monahan, Ed.	34	Brooklyn, N. Y.	4/28/29	6'1"	195	R	R	Athletics	4	0	11	0	0	.000	11	5	5	2	7	4.09
Portocarrero, Arnold	25	Bethpage, N. Y.	7/ 5/31	6'3"	195	R	R	MILITARY SERVICE							MILITARY SERVICE					
Schieb, Carl	24	Feasterville, Pa.	1/ 1/27	6'1½"	202	R	R	Athletics	28	3	96	3	7	.300	99	57	52	25	29	4.88
Shantz, Robert	30	Lincoln, Nebr.	9/26/25	5'7"	150	R	L	Athletics	16	6	106	5	9	.357	107	52	48	58	26	4.08
Trice, Robert	23	New Cumber., W. Va.	8/28/28	6'2½"	190	R	R	Athletics	3	1	23	2	1	.667	25	14	14	4	6	5.99
								Ottawa	38	20	229	21	10	.677	207	90	79	57	84	3.10

CATCHERS	No.	HOMETOWN	BIRTHDAY	HGT.	WGT.	B	T	'53 CLUB	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	RBI	BA
Astroth, Joseph	9	Phila., Pa.	9/ 1/22	5'10"	187	R	R	Athletics	82	260	28	77	15	2	3	27	12	24	.296
Minor, Harry	32	Longbeach, Calif.	3/ 7/28	6'1½"	210	R	R	Savannah	89	302	42	78	15	0	13	65	57	51	.258
Murray, Raymond	14	Ft. Worth, Texas	10/12/19	6'3"	200	R	R	Athletics	84	268	25	76	14	3	6	18	25	41	.284
Robertson, Al.	18	Peoria, Illinois	1/29/28	5'10	185	R	R	Kansas City	77	227	28	63	10	2	2	46	33	25	.278
Shantz, Wilmer E.	11	Phila., Pa.	7/31/27	6'1"	170	R	R	Ottawa	105	317	21	72	9	3	0	15	28	27	.227

INFIELDERS	No.	HOMETOWN	BIRTHDAY	HGT.	WGT.	B	T												
Bollweg, Donald	4	Wheaton, Illinois	2/12/22	6'1"	175	L	L	New York	70	155	24	46	6	4	6	21	31	24	.297
DeMaestri, Joseph	2	San Anselmo, Calif	12/ 9/28	6'	174	R	R	Athletics	111	420	53	107	17	3	6	24	39	35	.255
Finigan, James	15	Quincy, Illinois	8/19/28	5'11"	175	R	R	Binghamton	141	513	77	154	36	8	13	—	—	81	.300
Giordano, Thomas	7	Amityville, N. Y.	10/ 9/26	6'	175	R	R	Athletics	11	40	6	7	2	0	2	5	6	5	.175
								Savannah	141	552	111	155	26	5	24	89	45	91	.281
Jacobs, Forest	6	Pennsville, N. J.	11/ 4/25	5'9"	155	R	R	Ft. Worth	154	645	102	182	23	5	0	58	37	40	.282
Joost, Edwin	1	Burlingame, Calif.	6/ 5/16	6'	175	R	R	Athletics	51	177	39	44	6	0	6	45	24	15	.249
Limmer, Louis	48	Bronx, N. Y.	3/10/27	6'2"	190	L	L	Ottawa	135	467	68	128	22	4	15	57	38	73	.274
Littrell, Jack	3	Prospect, Ky.	1/22/29	5'11"	170	R	R	Ottawa	148	551	72	134	31	6	7	49	95	43	.243
Suder, Peter	12	Aliquippa, Pa.	4/16/16	6'	175	R	R	Athletics	115	454	44	130	11	3	4	17	45	35	.286
OUTFIELDERS	No.	HOMETOWN	BIRTHDAY	HGT.	WGT.	B	T												
McGhee, Edward	16	Memphis, Tenn.	9/29/26	5'10½"	176	R	R	Athletics	104	358	36	94	11	4	1	32	43	29	263
Philley, David	17	Paris, Texas	5/16/20	6'	190	B	R	Athletics	157	620	80	188	30	9	9	51	35	59	.303
Power, Victor	5	San Juan, Puerto Rico	11/ 3/30	6'	170	R	R	Kansas City	149	622	115	217	39	10	16	30	31	93	.349
Renna, William B.	8	Oakland, Calif.	10/ 4/26	6'2"	220	R	R	New York	61	121	19	38	6	3	2	13	31	13	.314
Valo, Elmer	10	Palmerton, Pa.	4 /5/21	5'10"	189	L	R	Athletics	50	85	15	19	3	0	0	22	7	9	.224
Zernial, Gus E.	19	Inglewood, Calif.	6/27/23	6'3"	210	R	R	Athletics	147	556	85	158	21	3	42	57	79	108	.284

N. D. S. Billy Harrington, Robert Williams.

ATHLETICS MINOR LEAGUE CLUBS

CLUB	LEAGUE	CLASSIFICATION
Ottawa, Ontario, Can.	International	AAA
Savannah, Ga.	South Atlantic	A
Lancaster, Pa.	Piedmont	B
*Drummondville, Que. Can.	Provincial	C
*Welch, W. Va.	Appalachian	D
*Hopkinsville, Ky.	Kitty	D

*Indicates Working Agreement

AMERICAN LEAGUE CIRCUIT HOTELS, 1954

Boston ..... Kenmore Hotel
Baltimore ..... The Southern
Chicago ..... The Del Prado
Cleveland ..... Hollanden Hotel
Detroit ..... Sheraton Cadillac
New York ..... New Yorker
Washington ..... The Shoreham

1953 FIELDING AVERAGES

PITCHERS	G	DP's	PO	A	E	FA
Bishop	39	3	5	36	0	1.000
Fricano	39	2	8	28	0	1.000
Martin	58	4	2	26	0	1.000
Cain	32	1	4	9	0	1.000
Shantz	16	3	10	21	1	.969
Scheib	28	1	4	16	1	.952
Kellner, A.	25	2	5	28	2	.943
Less Than 10 Games						
Monahan	4	0	0	1	0	1.000
Trice	3	2	2	8	0	1.000
Kellner, W.	2	1	0	1	0	1.000

CATCHERS	G	DP's	PO	A	E	PB	FA
Murray	78	8	330	45	4	8	.989
Astroth	79	13	341	47	5	7	.987
Watlington	9	2	37	7	1	0	.978

FIRST BASEMEN	G	DP's	PO	A	E	FA
Bollweg	43	37	323	15	6	.983
SECOND BASEMEN						
Suder	38	23	89	105	3	.985
Giordano	11	11	31	32	1	.984
THIRD BASEMEN						
Suder	72	19	89	174	7	.974
Philley	1	0	0	0	0	.000
SHORTSTOPS						
DeMaestri	108	53	191	297	18	.964
Joost	51	33	102	147	11	.958
Suder	7	2	11	11	1	.957
Wilhelm	6	0	2	5	1	.875
OUTFIELDERS						
Valo	25	1	46	1	0	1.000
Renna	40	0	57	0	1	.983
McGhee	99	0	319	4	6	.982
Philley	157	0	296	18	6	.981
Zernial	141	2	300	17	9	.972

SPRING TRAINING GAMES

Home Games at Connie Mack Field, West Palm Beach

Time: 2 P.M.

DATE			OPPONENTS
Sat.	March	6	Senators at Orlando
Sun.	March	7	Senators at Orlando
Mon.	March	8	Braves at West Palm Beach
Tues.	March	9	Open
Wed.	March	10	Reds at West Palm Beach
Thurs.	March	11	Open
Fri.	March	12	Open
Sat.	March	13	Senators at West Palm Beach
Sun.	March	14	Senators at West Palm Beach
Mon.	March	15	Red Sox at West Palm Beach
Tues.	March	16	Open
Wed.	March	17	Yankees at St. Petersburg
Thurs.	March	18	White Sox at Tampa
Fri.	March	19	Braves at Brandenton
Sat.	March	20	Pirates at Ft. Pierce
Sun.	March	21	Pirates at West Palm Beach
Mon.	March	22	Yankees at West Palm Beach
Tues.	March	23	Dodgers at West Palm Beach
Wed.	March	24	Pirates at Ft. Pierce
Thurs.	March	25	Pirates at West Palm Beach
Fri.	March	26	Open
Sat.	March	27	Pirates at West Palm Beach
Sun.	March	28	Pirates at Ft. Pierce
Mon.	March	29	Open
Tues.	March	30	Open
Wed.	March	31	Open Break Camp
Thurs.	April	1	Pirates at Jacksonville
Fri.	April	2	Pirates at Baton Rouge (Night)
Sat.	April	3	Pirates at New Orleans
Sun.	April	4	Pirates at New Orleans
Mon.	April	5	Pirates at Mobile, Ala,
Tues.	April	6	Pirates at Montgomery, Ala.
Wed.	April	7	Pirates at Brunswick, Ga.
Thurs.	April	8	Pirates at Savannah (Night)
Fri.	April	9	Pirates at Charlotte, N. C.
Sat.	April	10	Phillies at Connie Mack Stadium
Sun.	April	11	Phillies at Connie Mack Stadium

HOME ATTENDANCE

	HOME DATES	HOME GAMES	TOTAL ATTEND.	DAILY AVE.
1952	63	78	627,100	9,954
1953	62	78	362,113	5,841

ROAD ATTENDANCE

	AWAY DATES	AWAY GAMES	TOTAL ATTEND.	DAILY AVE.
1952	57	77	876,575	15,378
1953	67	79	700,031	10,448

1954 HOME SCHEDULE

Tuesday	April	13	Boston	Opening Day
Wednesday	April	21	Washington	(Night)
Friday	April	23	New York	(Night)
Saturday	April	24	New York	
Sunday	April	25	New York	(2 Games)
Tuesday	April	27	Detroit	(Night)
Wednesday	April	28	Detroit	(Night)
Friday	April	30	Baltimore	(Night)
Saturday	May	1	Baltimore	
Sunday	May	2	Chicago	(2 Games)
Monday	May	3	Chicago	
Tuesday	May	4	Cleveland	(Night)
Wednesday	May	5	Cleveland	(Night)
Thursday	May	6	Cleveland	(Night)
Tuesday	May	25	Boston	(Night)
Wednesday	May	26	Boston	(Night)
Friday	May	28	Washington	(Night)
Saturday	May	29	Washington	
Sunday	May	30	Washington	(2 Games)
Wednesday	June	2	Baltimore	(Night)
Thursday	June	3	Baltimore	(Night)
Friday	June	4	Baltimore	
Saturday	June	5	Cleveland	
Sunday	June	6	Cleveland	(2 Games)
Tuesday	June	8	Chicago	(Night)
Wednesday	June	9	Chicago	(Night)
Thursday	June	10	Chicago	
Friday	June	11	Detroit	(Night)
Saturday	June	12	Detroit	
Sunday	June	13	Detroit	(2 Games)
Tuesday	June	29	Washington	(Night)
Wednesday	June	30	Washington	(Night)
Monday	July	5	New York	(2 Games)
Friday	July	9	Boston	(Night)
Saturday	July	10	Boston	
Sunday	July	11	Boston	(2 Games)
Thursday	July	15	Cleveland	(Night)
Friday	July	16	Cleveland	(Night)
Saturday	July	17	Cleveland	
Sunday	July	18	Chicago	(2 Games)
Tuesday	July	20	Detroit	(Night)
Wednesday	July	21	Detroit	(Night)
Thursday	July	22	Detroit	(Night)
Friday	July	23	Baltimore	(Night)
Saturday	July	24	Baltimore	
Sunday	July	25	Baltimore	(2 Games)
Tuesday	Aug.	17	New York	(Night)
Wednesday	Aug.	18	New York	(Night)
Friday	Aug.	20	Washington	(Night)
Saturday	Aug.	21	Washington	
Sunday	Aug.	22	Washington	(2 Games)
Tuesday	Aug.	24	Cleveland	(Night)
Wednesday	Aug.	25	Cleveland	(Night)
Thursday	Aug.	26	Chicago	(Night)
Friday	Aug.	27	Chicago	(Night)
Saturday	Aug.	28	Chicago	
Sunday	Aug.	29	Detroit	(2 Games)
Tuesday	Aug.	31	Baltimore	(Night)
Wednesday	Sept.	1	Baltimore	(Night)
Friday	Sept.	3	Boston	(Night)
Saturday	Sept.	4	Boston	
Sunday	Sept.	5	Boston	(2 Games)
Friday	Sept.	17	New York	(Night)
Saturday	Sept.	18	New York	(Night)
Sunday	Sept.	19	New York	

37 Nights
12 Sundays
12 Saturdays
1 Holiday